Board has undertaken the hydrolocical survey in some selected States;

(b) if so, State-wise details thereof;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted in Orissa; and

(d) if so, the details of the survey undertaken in that State?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Modernisation of Cotton Processing Factories

2813. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of cotton processing factories in the country;

(b) whether there is any plan to modernise the processing units; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the assistance Government propose to provide to Cooperative sectors in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Cotton Corporation of India Ltd. (CCI) is giving financial incentives for improving general standards of ginning processing and upgradation of cotton with the objective of improving quality of ginning, pressing and packing and controlling contamination in cotton.

(c) In order to bring about improvement in the existing cooperative ginning and pressing factories, the Cotton Corporation of India Ltd. (CCI) alongwith Rajasthan Marketing Federation (RAJFED) has taken seven cooperative factories on lease basis during the 1996-97 cotton season. In other cotton growing states also, the CCI through its branch offices, encourages the engagement of the cooperative ginning and pressing factories for its processing work on preferential basis.

Loan for Water Resources Consolidation Project in Orissa

2814. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Orissa had sought the help of the Centre to implement a Water Resources Consolidation Project (WRCP);

(b) whether the Government of Orissa needed a loan of more than 1000 crores for its WRCP;

(c) whether the Central Government have made negotiation with the World Bank to ensure the loan required by the State Government of Orissa; and

(d) if so, the progress of releasing the loan to Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. Orissa Water Resources Consolidation Project is being implemented by the Government of Orissa with World Bank assistance of US$ 290 million (Rs. 1035.30 crores approximately). The negotiations with the World Bank were made by the Central Government and State Government on 5th January, 1996. The Project aims to improve agriculture productivity through modernisation and rehabilitation of existing project and improving farmers operational efficiency through participatory management.

(d) As on 30th November, 1996, an amount of US$ 175.11 million (Rs. 62.51 crores approximately) of loan has been disbursed to the Government of Orissa.

Custodial Deaths in the Country

2815. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the press

newsitem captioned "West Bengal tops in custodial deaths" as reported in The Hindustan Times dated 10th November, 1996;

(b) if so, whether the National Human Rights Commission have conducted any survey to find out the exact number of custodial deaths in each of the State during the past one year;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the mechanism Government propose to formulate to check such deaths?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) There is no such news item in the Hindustan Times dated 10-11-1996. However, the Government has seen the news-item captioned "West Bengal tops in custodial deaths" appearing in the Hindustan Times dated 01.11.1996.

(b) and (c) National Human Rights Commission has not conducted any survey on the custodial deaths in different States during the past one year, but has been receiving reports from DMs/SPs on incidents of custodial death, in pursuance of instructions issued by it in December, 1993.

(d) Although 'Police' is a State subject, the Government of India have issued instructions/guidelines to the State Government regarding measures to prevent custodial crimes. Detailed guidelines have been circulated from time to time to the State Government and Union Territories regarding measures to prevent the use of questionable and coercive methods by the Police during investigations. While drawing attention to the legal safeguards, State Governments have been requested to bring to the notice of the Police Officers, the instructions contained in the Police Manual of different States regarding prohibiting or restricting use of force by the Police while effecting arrests, interrogating suspects or during any other stage of police enquiry or investigation. It was emphasised that Police personnel found guilty of using third degree method would render themselves liable to exemplary punishment. It has also emphasised that senior officers should continuously guide investigating officers during inspections and meetings and impress upon them the need for adopting correct and prescribed methods of investigation. Apart from specific guidelines, State Governments have been advised that there is a necessity to bring about qualitative change in the approach and behaviour of the police towards the general public. Human Rights as a subject has been introduced in the curricula of several Police Training Institutes, including the premier training Institute for IPS Officers *viz.*, the National Police Academy, Hyderabad. Based on the recommendation of the National Human Rights Commission, the Government has prepared a three tier training syllabus for the police and para-military forces officers and circulated to the State Governments and CPMFs for implementation.

Ambulance Services on National Highways in Andhra Pradesh

2816. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any specific request or suggestion to make available ambulances for use on the National Highways in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether Government will examine such suggestions;

(c) the role of the concerned agencies of Government in this regard;

(d) whether the National Highways Authority of India has any plans for safety enhancement;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?